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## **Statement by Council President Steve Silverman on the Release of the Proposed Capital Budget**

"The proposed Capital Improvements Program released today by the County Executive touches all the right bases. It fully funds the School Board's critical needs for school construction, using County monies to meet needs that should be – but aren't – being adequately funded by the State.

"In addition, the recommended CIP includes on funding for badly needed road and transit projects to address the traffic congestion that is eating away at our families' quality of life.

"The County is stepping up to the plate by increasing County funding for school construction by \$345 million over the last six-year plan, while the State is projected to spend \$26 million less. That means that County funds are paying 84.5 percent of the school construction bill – up from 73 percent – while the State share has fallen from 27 percent to 15.5 percent. County transportation funding is increasing by \$18 million while State funding is falling by \$10.6 million.

"All this begs the question: Where is the Governor?

"I thank the County Executive for his good work. As the ultimate authority, the County Council will take his recommendations from here and craft a capital program that meets our County's needs."